



The Mardler

Swanton Morley Parish Council's Newsletter

Forty Seventh Edition | Summer 2021

Welcome to your Summer Mardler. The weather has finally warmed up and it seems that everything is bursting into life at once. Swanton Morley is once again verdant, the birds are singing and the verges are alive with wildflowers. Hopefully, you have been able to enjoy our surroundings because you want to this year rather than because you aren't allowed to travel anywhere else! And hopefully, by the time this hits your doormat we will all be as free as the birds once again...

A message from your Parish Clerk...

It is lovely that the sun is starting to shine as we approach summer and a possible easing of restrictions. Since the last edition, the Parish Council have now successfully distributed speed awareness wheelie bin stickers to all houses on the main thoroughfares and had a productive site visit with Norfolk County Council Highways Department to discuss the new speed awareness road markings on Gooseberry Hill. The planting of 210 donated saplings is complete, with the fence line on the Village Hall playing field adjacent to Harkers Lane being the final area. I would like to thank the volunteers, Councillors and especially Brenda and Seamus O'Dowd for all their hard work. We hope the continued relaxing of restrictions will allow the Village Hall to fully reopen this month and I for one am looking forward to meeting members of the public at the new Community Café while enjoying a piece of cake! As always, please do get in touch if you have any queries or would like to get involved in voluntary community work.

Kelly Pickard - Clerk to Swanton Morley Parish Council

Key Dates:

Parish Council Meetings:


Monday, 12th July 2021

Monday, 9th August 2021

Monday, 13th September 2021

Monday, 11th October 2021

Monday, 15th November 2021



Parishioners
always welcome



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Your Parish Clerk: Mrs Kelly Pickard

Please contact us with your concerns or ideas for the village using any of the above methods....we look forward to hearing from you.

Our office hours are:
9am – 2pm Monday - Thursday

Mr Roger Atterwill Chairman 01362 637383/ 01362 637000	Mrs Brenda O'Dowd Vice Chairman 01362 637226	Mr John Keen 07767 405098
Mr Geoffrey Curran 01362 637069	Mr Jose Rodrigues c/o 01362 637166	Mr Ian Cawdron 07754 536716
Mr David Turner 07719 177527		Mr Jim Venworth 01362 637963

The Parish Council usually meets on the second Monday of each month. Meetings begin at 7.30 and public are always welcome. The agenda for each meeting can be found displayed on the notice board at the junction of Woodgate Lane and Greengate (or on our website: www.swantonmorleypc.info).

Time to say goodbye...

Sadly, as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, we have had to say goodbye to several long-standing groups at the village hall, including Short Mat Bowls, who held their final meeting (outdoors) in May. We



We would like to thank them for their loyalty and support over the years and wish them all well. We have also lost Mini Monkeys, Rugby Tots and Multiple Mayhem, meaning that there are no longer any groups operating at the hall specifically for the little ones. If you know of anybody who might be interested in setting up a toddler group or who runs a similar franchise, please do put them in touch with us - I am sure there are plenty of Mums in the village who would be very grateful!

**KEEP OUR VILLAGE
SAFE**



**SWANTON MORLEY
PARISH COUNCIL**



Have you got yours yet?

With the help of volunteers, to whom we are very grateful, the Parish Council have now delivered speed awareness wheelie bin stickers to almost 250 houses in the village. Everyone whose bins are placed on a main thoroughfare for collection should have received an envelope containing a letter and two stickers - one for each of the main bins. We hope that the additional awareness created on bin collection day(s) will support the

campaign to reduce the speed of vehicles passing through the village. We have a number of spare stickers at the village hall, so if you would like an additional sticker for a brown bin or perhaps live somewhere not on a main road but would like to help drive the message home to everyone in a car, on foot or bicycle that we want to keep our village safe, then please call in during office hours to pick your stickers up.

By the time of publication, our first volunteers will have received their training and begun our Community Speed Watch. We will bring you updates of their findings on our social media and in the next edition of the Mardler. More volunteers are needed - if you can spare an hour or two now and again, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.





It is easy to forget that Swanton Morley village hall, whilst a charity, is a business like any other and has suffered at the hands of the Coronavirus pandemic. As a community hub, regular groups have not been allowed to meet and as a hospitality venue, the bar has not been allowed to open and celebrations have been paused for everyone. The hall has been very

fortunate to receive Government support over the past 18 months which has allowed it to survive but we are realistic in understanding how far that funding has to stretch until we are truly out of the woods and back to the thriving venue we know the hall can be again. We would like to thank everyone who has stuck with us for their support and ongoing loyalty.

Some groups, however, have not survived the uncertainty and we therefore find ourselves in the unusual situation of having space in our regular timetable and gaps in who is catered for. Do you run a toddler group, a yoga class, a sports club? Are you an existing group looking for a new venue? We not only have our own large village community to support and attend clubs and groups at the village hall, but are ideally positioned in central Norfolk with good access and ample parking facilities to appeal to a wider audience. Have a look at our website:

www.swantonmorleyvillagehall.co.uk

or make an appointment to come and see for yourself what we can offer. With a variety of versatile spaces and 9 acres of grounds there's not many groups we can't cater for.

Community Café
@ Swanton Morley Village Hall
Tuesdays 9am - 3pm
Breakfast, coffee, cake, lunch,
afternoon tea...Everybody welcome
Brought to you by Natterjack Catering

**PARTY
TIME!**

Postponed a birthday party, a christening or a wedding celebration or simply just fancy getting everyone together again? Why not think about hiring Swanton Morley Village Hall? We are taking bookings for private hire from July onwards (subject to Government announcements).

We have a multi-functional building that can be tailored to personalise your event - large or small and there is ample free parking. Whether it's a party, wedding reception, theatre production or quiz night, the hall is very versatile and adaptable to your needs, including extras such as staging and full performance licencing (PRS and PPL) at no extra charge. We have a good selection of wines, spirits, draught and bottled beers, ciders and soft drinks at affordable prices - our fully licensed and fully staffed bar can take your event to the next level meaning one less thing for you to worry about! Our full



commercial kitchen, complete with servery, includes 2 fridges, freezer, oven, dishwasher, microwave, deep fat fryer, grill and toaster. Not forgetting outside, where ample green space allows your event to spread out and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.



So whether it be for a one off, fun event or for more regular meetings, get in touch, come and have a look and see what we can offer...you won't be disappointed! Our rates are very competitive - full details can be found on our website along with lots of photographs of the hall and previous events held there:

www.swantonmorleyvillagehall.co.uk

We are looking forward to hearing the excited squeals from a children's birthday party, the clink of glasses as the bride and groom are toasted, the explosion of fireworks and the cheer of spectators once again...it's been quiet for far too long.



Swanton Morley Village Hall - Regular Clubs and Groups

Little Swans	Monday - Friday (term time)	littleswans1@gmail.com 01362 638103
Brownies	Monday	swantonmorleybrownies@gmail.com
Table Tennis	Monday & Wednesday	K_meader@hotmail.com
Community Café	Tuesday	info@natterjackcatering.co.uk
Move It or Lose It	Tuesday	07941 086603 or 07925 602862
Primary Paws (dog training)	Tuesday	primarypawsdt@outlook.com
Gardening Club	Last Tuesday	jean.austin531@gmail.com
Pilates	Wednesday	carolyn@ norfolkpilatesandtherapy.co.uk
Youth Café	Wednesday	p.roast@ northbrecklandyfc.org.uk
BAM Fitness	Wednesday	m.woods38@hotmail.com 01362 638133
Baby Bees Norfolk (baby massage)	Thursday	lauren@babybeesnorfolk.co.uk
Galaxy Twirlers	Thursday	koletteg40@gmail.com
Swanton Morley FC	Various	07887 893874
Cockers FC	Tuesday & Saturday	07957 764431



Due to ongoing uncertainty about the lifting of restrictions, plans for a belated 25th birthday celebration for and at the village hall are on hold. As so many others have had to do, we must wait a little longer to be sure that stock won't go to waste, bookings don't need to be cancelled and people disappointed. We hope something can be arranged before it turns into celebrating the big 3-0!!



Delegated Responsibilities

The Parish Council are responsible for looking after the many assets of the village and as such, at each annual meeting, responsibility for each of those is delegated to a Councillor. Where appropriate, they then perform regular inspections or attend meetings, representing the Council and report their findings at the next full Parish Council meeting. If you have a particular concern about something in the village, you may find it helpful to know who to contact in the first instance (this information can also be found on the Parish Council website: www.swantonmorleypc.info) - contact details can be found at the front of this booklet:

Allotments	Councillor David Turner
Barratts Charity	Councillor Jose Rodrigues
Burial Ground	Councillor Geoffrey Curran
CASM	Councillor Geoffrey Curran
Churchyard	Councillor Geoffrey Curran
Common Lands	Councillor Roger Atterwill
Footpaths and Byways	Councillor Jim Venworth
Open Spaces	Councillor John Keen
Recreation Grounds	Councillor John Keen
SAM2 Signs	Councillor Roger Atterwill
Speed Watch	Councillor David Turner
Street Furniture	Councillor Roger Atterwill
Street Lights	Councillor Ian Cawdron
Swanton Morley Surgery Liaison	Councillor Brenda O'Dowd
Volunteers	Councillor Brenda O'Dowd



CASM

Making Swanton Morley Sustainable



What does that mean
for Swanton Morley?
What can we do
about it?

CASM (Climate Action for Swanton Morley) is a mixed group of Councillors and parishioners, who meet to consider what small steps we can take as a village to combat climate change and improve our environment to benefit both people and wildlife. The group had started to meet regularly to discuss ideas and take action prior to the pandemic and are now making plans to get going again...would you like to join us? Do you have ideas to share? Do you have expertise to share? Do you just want to do 'something'? We would love to see some new faces at our next meeting. Contact the Parish Council office for more information and to register your interest.

*We don't need a handful of people doing zero waste perfectly, we
need millions of people doing it imperfectly*
(The Environmental Cowboy)



Some things we have achieved in our village so far...

- Planted over 200 trees
- Planted bee bombs (wildflowers)
- We have a growing band of litter pickers/anti litter campaign
- New bird and owl boxes
- Replacement of all lampposts with energy efficient LED bulbs now complete
- Mill common is now being properly managed
- Bike shelter installed at the village hall
- Investigations made into funding for energy efficient heating and electric car charger at the village hall
- Looking to produce a new school travel plan